PROPOSED BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE'S SECOND PROGRESS REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 6, COVERING SUB-ITEMS 2 AND 3 (TERRORISM AND SECURITY COOPERATION AND ISSUES OF IDENTITY AND ALLEGIANCE)

All parties reiterated their total abhorrence of, and opposition to, all forms of terrorism from whatever source.

Attention was drawn to the enormous costs of terrorism to both the nationalist and unionist communities and to the two Governments.

The two Governments spoke of the high degree of cooperation that existed in relation to security matters. It was generally accepted that any new arrangements should build on the current framework for cooperation and that the common effort against terrorism would be. enhanced by Northern Ireland's participation in those arrangements. A number of delegations paid tribute to the work of the Garda and the RUC and praised the quality and independence of the Northern Ireland judiciary.

It was noted that the problem of terrorism had both a built mational and international dimension and that its effective control would require even closer collaboration between the two Governments and cooperation between the law enforcement agencies on both sides of the border. It was also noted that effective extradition arrangements would remain essential to achieving this objective.

Concern was expressed about the extent to which the nationalist community felt alienated from the system of justice in Northern Ireland and, in particular, the policing of that system. This manifested itself and was lock in turn exacerbated by the absence of indigenous policing the the system in nationalist areas. This feeling of alienation was also taking root among elements of the unionist community.

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It was generally accepted that security measures alone would not overcome the problem of terrorism. Ultimately, political with this could only be achieved by the creation of a system of government for Northern Ireland which would attract and alleyane the support and earn the confidence of both the nationalist and unionist traditions. The Committee noted mishih that the creation of such a system was a key objective of the talks process and that considerable progress had already been made towards this end in Strand 1). It was anticipated that the competer proposals parties would be tabling at the appropriate stage of the Strand 2 talks would enable further progress to be made.

It was made clear that, if new structures of government, including arrangements for consultation and cooperation with the Republic of Ireland, were to attract the allegiance of the nationalist tradition, they would need not only to protect the rights of the nationalist community and afford it appropriate representation in a with There with the also to accommodate in

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It was made clear an behalf V the community that For the unionist tradition, it was vital that new structures and arrangements were firmly premised on recognition of Northern Ireland's status as part of the United Kingdom.

The need was acknowledged for the creation **<u>hn</u>Northern** Ireland of a polity which would attract support and respect for its from both traditions, while allowing each to retain its identification respectively with the the pest people of the United Kingdom and of the Republic of The committee noted that ways to create such a Ireland. polity would be explored under subsequent agenda items.

The Cómmittee has still to discharge its remit fully and recommends that Plenary:

authorise the Committee to continue its work within a. 5 how the terms agreed on 2 September and including equals item (1) further request a final report to be prepared, if possible, splicial;

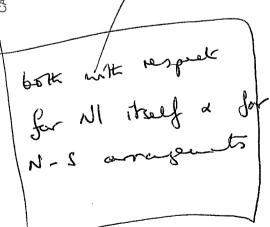
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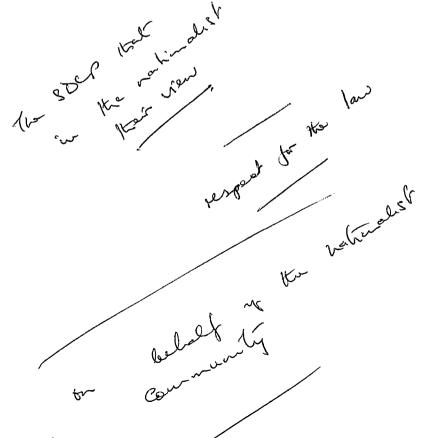
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- Para 3 Consideration should be given as to how an input from representatives in Al might enhance such cooperation.
- Para 4 "between the police services on both sides of the border.
- Para **b** "Ultimately this could only be achieved by the creation new political institutions which would attract the support, allegiance and earn the confidence of both the nationalists and unionist traditions. The committee noted that the creation of such institutions was a key objective of the talks process and that some progress had already been made towards this end in Strand 1. It was anticipated that the proposals parties would be tabling at the appropriate stage of the Strand 2 talks would enable further progress to be made.
- Para 7 It was made clear that if new political institutions were to attract the allegiance of the nationalist tradition, they would need not only to protect the rights of the nationalist community and afford it appropriate representation within those institutions but also to accomodate the identity of that tradition community with the people in the rest of Ireland.
- Para 9 The need was acknowledged for the creation on polity which would attract support and respect from both traditions in NI, while allowing each to retain its identity respectively with the people of the UK and the rest of Ireland.





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